

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle body frame comprising:
cast hollow frame members ~~such as side frames~~ extending longitudinally along a vehicle body, the cast hollow frame members including at least a first frame half and a second frame half;
and
a plurality of ribs provided at certain regular intervals on an inner circumferential surface of each of the cast hollow frame ~~member~~ members so as to partition longitudinally the interior thereof at the certain regular intervals.
2. (Original) The vehicle body frame as set forth in Claim 1, wherein
the thickness of the cast hollow frame member at portions where the plurality of ribs are provided is set larger than the thickness thereof at other portions.
3. (Withdrawn) The vehicle body frame as set forth in Claim 1, wherein
the thickness of the cast hollow frame member is set so as to increase gradually from an end of the hollow frame member where crash energy is applied toward the other end thereof.
4. (Withdrawn) The vehicle body frame as set forth in Claim 1, wherein
the dimensions of a cross section of the cast hollow frame member are set so as to increase gradually from an end of the hollow frame member where crash energy is applied to the other end thereof.
5. (New) The vehicle body frame according to Claim 1, wherein the cast hollow frame member is a main side frame member, which extends longitudinally along a vehicle body in front of or behind a passenger compartment of the vehicle.
6. (New) The vehicle body frame as set forth in Claim 2, wherein the
thickness t_{13} of the cast hollow frame member at portions having a width c_{11} where the

plurality of ribs are provided is set larger than the thickness t_{11} of other portions, wherein the width c_{11} is greater than the thickness t_{13} .

7. (New) The vehicle body frame as set forth in Claim 2, wherein the thickness of the cast hollow frame member at portions where the plurality of ribs are provided is set larger than the thickness of other portions, wherein the portion of the hollow cast having a larger thickness is wider than the other portion.

8. (New) The vehicle body frame as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the first frame half is cast to include a substantially U-shaped cross section and the second frame half is formed as a substantially flat plate.

9. (New) The vehicle body frame as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the first frame half is welded to the second frame half.